

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, beginning line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

--Within the locking device 23, the locking unit 22 of the container 3 ~~cooperates~~ cooperates with another locking unit 25 which is integrally molded on the operating mechanism 5.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, beginning line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

--On the side that faces away from the turning knob 26, following the locking unit 25 and a cylindrical portion, the outer wall of the operating mechanism 5 passes into flexible, circumferential locking-collar sections 30 by a circumferential step 31. When the application device 1 is assembled, the flexible locking-collar sections 30 bear by the circumferential step 31 against a corresponding circumferential step 38 of the container 3 between the reservoir 2 and the locking unit 22.--

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

--A threaded rod 35, which is molded on the piston 4 as a unit, is complementary of the internally threaded section 33. The piston 4 consists of polyoxymethylene (POM). An area

36 of the piston 4 that is turned towards the reservoir 2 is substantially cup-shaped.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, beginning line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

--First the piston 4 with the threaded rod 35 is pushed into the container 3 until the piston-4 stop face, which is opposite the piston area 36, bears against the circumferential step 38 inside the container 3 between the reservoir 2 and the locking unit 22. From the other side of the container 3, threaded section 33 of the operating mechanism 5 is then screwed on the threaded rod 35 of the piston 4.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, beginning line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

--This screwing job is continued until the stop face 34 of the operating mechanism 5 rests on the piston 4, further screwing then being no longer possible. Then the operating mechanism 5 is inserted into the container 3 until the flexible locking-collar sections 30 reach behind the circumferential step 38 in the container 3 between the reservoir 2 and the locking unit 22. During this insertion job, the flexible locking-collar sections 30 can yield inwards

due to the weakening windows 32 provided in the operating mechanism 5.--

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 12, with the following amended paragraph:

--Dosing can be continued until the piston 4 reaches a second limit-of-travel position in which the threaded rod 35 has virtually entirely left the internally threaded section [[32]]\_33. In this second limit-of-travel position, there is still a distance between the piston area 36 and the applicator 6. When the application device 1 has been emptied in this way, it can be recycled.--